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## Advanced Oilseed and Biodiesel Production Workshop to be Held January 28-29, 2009 in Billings

Farmers, businesspeople, and scientists will present the most current information about processing oilseed crops and on-farm biodiesel production at the upcoming Oilseeds for Fuel, Feed and the Future workshop in Billings on January 28-29, 2009. This workshop builds upon a highly successful conference held last January and will cover more complex oilseed crushing and vegetable oil-based biofuel production and use issues.

People who attend this workshop will learn more about:

- Markets for oilseeds and oil as well as buyer expectations
- Status on the development and regulation of oilseed co-products, animal feeds and biolubes
- Technical advancements and changes in community/commercial biodiesel production
- Economics of oilseed crushing and biodiesel production
- Educational, technical and financial resources for building a bioproducts/bioenergy business.

The workshop is a joint effort of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, the USDA Risk Management Agency and other co-sponsors. The workshop will take place January 28-29th starting at 8:00 am at the MSU-Billings College of Technology Campus. On-site registration will begin at 7:30 a.m.

The cost for the workshop is \$25 for participants who pre-register and \$35 for registration the day of the conference. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. The deadline to pre-register is January 22, 2009. For more information on, or to register for, this event, contact NCAT at 1-800-275-6228 or e-mail tammyh@ncat.org.

This Advanced Oilseed and Biodiesel workshop is preceded by the ninth annual Harvesting Clean Energy conference that will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Billings on January 25 to 27. Sessions will focus on the steps to successful renewable energy project development, including financing, to cut costs on the farm and produce power or feedstocks for market. For more details and to register for this conference, go to www.harvestcleanenergy.org or call Pat Gibbon at 206-443-9570 x34.